

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

Wilmington, Delaware

October 28, 2003

Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing

Total attendance: 28

Congressional attendance 01

RegFair Board in attendance 02

SBA personnel 06

Agencies attending 05 – USDA-DOL-IRS-EPA

No. of comments 07

Small Business Organizations	Point of Contact	Membership
Nat'l Federation of Ind. Businesses	Scott Kidner, State Director	XXX
PA-DE Cleaners Association	Robert McBride	XXX
SBDC	Clinton Tymes, State Director	XXX
Total Represented		XXX

Summary:

Testifiers:

1. Steve Hobbs - Colorado Food Products

USDA- Mr. Hobbs was denied Importation of an approved USDA/FSIS Labeled from 7234-1 section 5b classification 03C which states Imported other than Ground Beef Raw Processed Beef. Mr. Hobbs thinks the regulation is hypocritical because the USDA already allows trimmings to come into the Country. To not allow a processed product and make an exception for a trimming product on this basis is discriminatory at best

2. Robert McBride - PA-DE Cleaners Association

EPA - PDCA is a non profit association of dry cleaners who represents dry cleaners in Pennsylvania and Delaware, They have pointed out that as an industry they have complied voluntarily with the Clean Air Act and have reduced the amount of emissions by 82% since the inception of the law. However, it was not done without significant cost and personal sacrifice. They suggest that dry cleaners be permanently exempted from fees associates with compliance.

3. Andreas S. Kalisperis - Philadelphia Cooked Steak Company

USDA - The company imported meat from Uruguay and it was held up by the USDA at the border in Miami, FL. The reason is that with Uruguay inoculating its animals that there is a risk of introducing Foot and Mouth Disease in the US. This regulation is hypocritical because they allow trimmings to come into the country and it is discriminatory.

4. Myron Sasser - MIDI, Inc.

USDA - Mr. Sasser states that the Code of Federal Regulations regarding interstate and importation of Plant pathogens imposes severe penalties in individuals or businesses who receive pure cultures of plants pathogens without proper USDA approval, despite the widespread prevalence of such organisms in the receiving states.

5. Jai Young Choi - Dun Rite Cleaners

EPA - Mr. Choi is concerned as an individual business and as an association that the regulations and fees that are being considered under Title V are overcoming their ability to stay in business.

6. Mark A. Peters - North Hills Cleaners, Inc.

EPA - Mr. Peters strongly opposes to a potentially unjustified burden to every dry cleaners in his state, labeling every business as a Title V source under the Clean Air Act which is accompanied by an unfair permit fee. Mr. Peters goes on to state that the dry cleaning industry in the United States has dramatically decreased its consumption of perchloroethylene in the last fifteen years.

7. Andy Berfer - Seymour's Cleaners

EPA - Mr. Berfer testified on the issue of the financial impact on dry cleaners of the permitting fees imposed by the State of Delaware through its Clean Air Act implementation program.